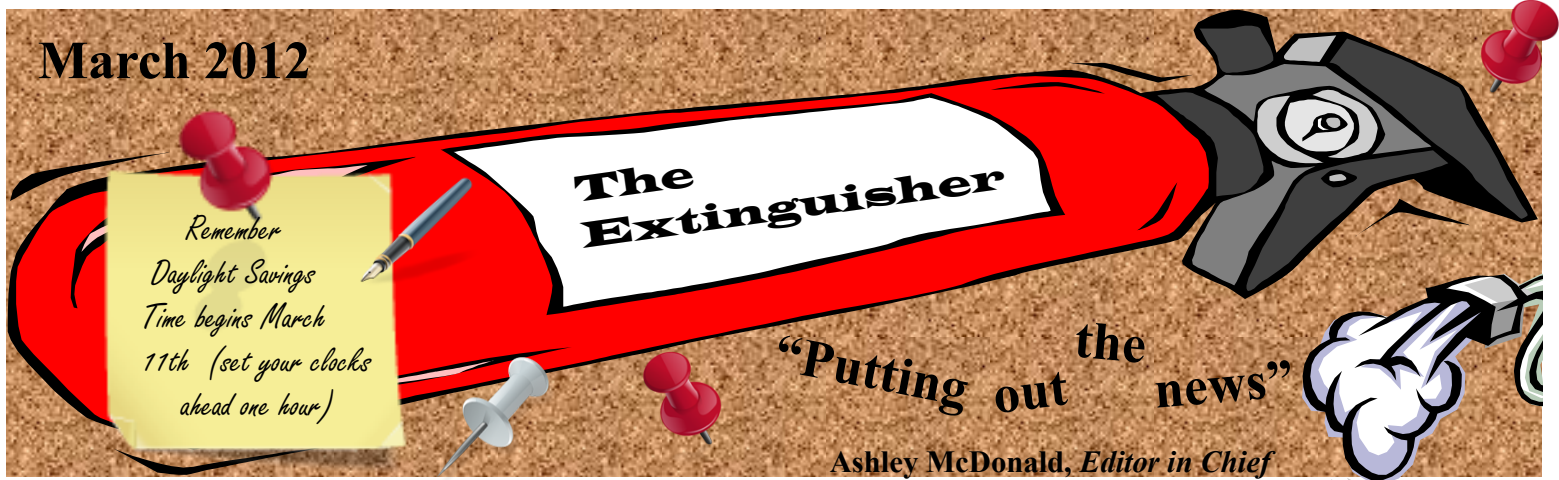


March 2012



## Birthdays

Ashley Johnson 3/1  
Kyle Cobb 3/2  
Jimmy Barrett 3/4  
Tim Swann 3/4  
Greg Robinson 3/6  
Steve Thompson 3/8  
Britt Gammon 3/10  
Doug English 3/15  
Ben Thorpe 3/15  
Jeff Clementi 3/16  
Billy Vinson 3/19  
Lucas Dearden 3/20  
Eugene Todd 3/21  
Alan Farrar 3/22  
Logan Gill 3/23  
Randy Rae 3/23  
David Cranford 3/25  
Scott Duncan 3/25  
Mike Adams 3/28



## NEW CAPTAIN/CAPTAIN ORIENTATION CLASS

On February 11, 2012, Driver Terrence Thomas was promoted to Captain. He has been with the department since 1991.

Thomas, along with fellow new Captains David Sloan and Nora Smith, attended a Captains' Orientation class at Fire Administration February 13th-15th.

**Pictured (left to right): Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith, Captain David Sloan, and Captain Terrence Thomas.**



## WATER RESCUE CREW RECEIVES FF OF THE MONTH

Driver Paul Oliver, Driver Doug English, Firefighter Steve Ellison, Firefighter Jeremy Spivey, Firefighter Dustin Liddell, and Captain/Shift Inspector Jeff Day have been named Firefighter(s) of the Month for March and April 2012. They received the honor for their heroic efforts during a January water rescue at Overall Creek off NW Broad Street. Upon arrival, crews found a vehicle in the water and worked quickly to rescue the victim.

**Pictured (left to right): Paul Oliver, Doug English, Steve Ellison, Jeremy Spivey, Dustin Liddell, and Jeff Day.**



## PROJECT S.A.F.E. SUCCESSFUL IN FIRST MONTH

Murfreesboro Fire and Rescue Department acquired 2,500 dual detection (photoelectric and ionization) smoke alarms through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant. The combination alarms detect both flaming and smoldering fires. The department also obtained 100 audio/visual and 100 "bed shaker" alarms for the elderly, disabled, and hearing impaired. In February, the department advertised through various medias that MFRD would be issuing and installing these smoke alarms free of charge to the citizens of Murfreesboro.

As of February 29, MFRD has installed 65 alarms, including three "bed shakers" and two audio/visual or "strobe" alarms.

If you are interested in obtaining a smoke alarm from MFRD, you must live in the city of Murfreesboro. You may call 615-893-1422 for more information.

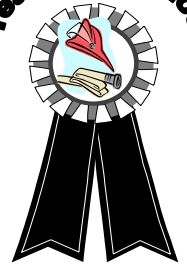
MFRD's Project S.A.F.E., or "Smoke Alarms For Everyone," has been very successful since its inception in 2000. The current efforts are just a continuation of the department's desire to meet the City's "Service Excellence" standards.



**MFRD would like to remind you to change your batteries in your smoke alarm at least every six months...a good time to change them is when the time changes!**

## What has MFRD been up to lately?

Years of Service



**March  
Anniversaries**

**28 YEARS**

Jack Black

**21 YEARS**

Laurie Alsup

**13 YEARS**

Michael Bartlett

Blake Insell

Jeff Irvin

David Sloan

**8 YEARS**

Dale Bilbrey

Bo Jones

Joe Pennington

Shan Womack

**6 YEARS**

Alan Farrar

**5 YEARS**

Ashley McDonald

**Training  
Begins March 5th!!!**



Hydrant lists will be making their way to the stations on March 15th. You will have 2 extra months to complete the lists this year!



A new Generac generator has been installed at MFRD Headquarters!



MFRD had several fires during the month of February. Some of the most notable were: 1805 Old Fort Pkwy (House of Carpet)-fire was contained to the showroom only, 3621 Manson Pk-began as a brush fire and spread to an abandoned house, 1704 Katelyn Ct-lightning struck a home...MFRD kept the fire from spreading to other homes, 200 Butler Dr (Pillsbury)-an HVAC unit caused fire damage to the attic of a portable office...MFRD was able to keep fire damage to a minimum.



Chief Chrisman (MPD) sent a letter of appreciation to Chief Gaines for the crews that assisted with the Riverdale High School Vandalism incident. Personnel who responded: Allen Swader, Tim Swann, Bobby Brewer, Bobby Canterbury, Jonathan Gaither, Kenneth Richmond, Joel Patnode, Ryan Battle, Ronald Jones, Sam Benford, Mike Black, Jerry Thomas, Eugene Todd, Paul Oliver, Steve Ellison, Taylor Laseter, Gary Hutchinson, Jeff Day, Jeremy Spivey, Charles Powell, Doug English, and Dustin Liddell



Captain Jamie Bigelow and Admin Support Specialist Ashley McDonald have been working on a Post-Incident Care Guide brochure to give victims after a house fire.



Chief Gaines & Deputy Chief Toombs met with Chief Chrisman (MPD) to discuss future growth of Dispatch.



**New Generator**

Dept. Coordinator Laurie Alsup is working on the Annual Report...it should be out to the stations soon!



**3621 Manson Pike**

## MFRD COMPLETES ANNUAL INSPECTION OF EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT

BY: DRIVERS CLAY ESTES & BUBBA HOLLADAY

As of February 6, we have completed the annual service to the department's Holmatro hydraulic extrication equipment. All tools were inspected, cleaned and serviced. The pumps were drained of fluids, refilled and tuned-up. Hydraulic lines were also drained of old fluid and refilled with new. Tools, pumps, and lines were pressure checked to 10,500 psi. A few repairs were needed for normal wear and tear items, but as a whole no unusual problems were encountered.

In addition to normal maintenance, the 100' thermo-plastic lines were replaced on Rescue 7 and Rescue 9. Also Rescue 2 received replacements for the 16' and 32' rubber lines. These replacements were in accordance with the manufacturer's suggested replacement schedule of eight years and five years respectively.

When using hydraulic tools, remember to keep the handle turned as the tool builds pressure. Also, as hydraulic lines increase in length, it takes more time for the tool to reach 10,500 psi. When refueling the pumps, be sure to use ethanol free gasoline. This is available at the Florence Road fuel pumps only. Ethanol free fuel does not cause the problems with carburetors we have experienced in the past. If you use the tools in the rain, spray the blades or jaws with WD-40 to prevent rusting.

We would also like to thank everyone for their help with everyday maintenance of these tools. Aside from normal wear and tear, the tools were in excellent condition.



If any problems with any extrication equipment occur throughout the year, let your Captain or Shift Commander know to ensure a limited loss of equipment use.

STORK REPORT

**AUGUST  
HALLELUJAH  
BRANCH**

SON OF DAVID & SUMMER

BORN: FEBRUARY 7, 2012

AT 8 LBS / 3 OZ  
22" LONG